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## 2019 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### HEMINGFORD CHAMBER FEATURED BUSINESS THE HEMINGFORD LEDGER \* 714 BOX BUTTE AVE \*



Holly Wade and Kay Bakkehaug

The Ledger has been recording history in Hemingford since the 1915s when a fire destroyed The Hemingford Journal plant. Over 100 years later, The Ledger still takes pride in providing local news to the citizens of Hemingford and the surrounding communities.

In December of 2018, Kay Bakkehaug stepped in as the Executive Editor of The Ledger. Having been born and raised in Alliance she understands the importance of a hometown newspaper and was excited to take on the challenge. "It has kind of been a whirlwind since December, but I love this community," Bakkehaug said. "The residences of Hemingford have been so inviting and for that I am so thankful. There always seems to be something going on which means there's never a dull moment."

Kay graduated in 2002 from Alliance High and later earned her business degree from Western Nebraska Community College. She is the proud mom of three beautiful girls: Ashlyn-16, Layla-12, and

Paisley-2. She is very family and community oriented. Both are good qualities to have as an editor of a hometown newspaper. "It really does take a Village to be able to provide a quality, entertaining newspaper," Bakkehaug said. "So, thank you to everyone that has submitted an entry into one of our contests, helped identify photos, or covered an event. I would like to thank all of The Ledger supporters for making our newspaper the best around."

Holly Wade joined Kay at The Ledger team in May. She grew up in Hemingford in the family-owned and operated Mini Max Market (what since became the Pit Stop). After school and career moves to Lincoln, then Virginia, she returned home in 2015.

Holly has an undergraduate degree in Advertising/Marketing and has utilized that in every job she has had. She looks forward to providing local businesses with effective strategies for marketing so that their money is spent wisely. Having grown up in a small business, she understands how important it is to shop local.

"If we want businesses to stay, we have to shop them and it is important to remember that the community also needs to support The Ledger," Wade said. "My goal is to provide our customers with marketing tools and knowledge." As a sign of the times, small newspapers and newspapers in general are struggling across the country. This is not the case with The Ledger! We are flourishing thanks to the support of our subscribers and advertisers. Thank you all! Here's to an amazing future for "Box Butte County's Family Newspaper!"

### DIORAMA FOOD BOOTH NEEDS YOU!

Hemingford Chamber of Commerce is reaching out to the churches and church families in Box Butte County for assistance. Box Butte County Fair is just a few short weeks away and the Chamber will once again be sponsoring the Diorama Food Booth at the Fair.

As a bit of background, the Christmas Diorama, a beautiful, depiction of the life of Christ spanning nearly the length of three football fields, is displayed on the west edge of Hemingford each Christmas Season. This unique display is an awesome attraction for which our entire county can be proud. Of course there are costs involved in constructing, repairing and maintaining a scene of this magnitude. Proceeds from the Diorama Food Booth are the only source of revenue we have to sustain the Diorama.



In order to enhance profitability of this fund raiser, the Chamber is once again requesting your assistance in the following two ways:



- 1. Donation of fruit pies to be sold at the Food Booth. Pies may be dropped off at the Diorama Food Booth, located on the Fair Grounds, Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company or at Dave's Pharmacy in Alliance, beginning Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- 2. Volunteers are needed to serve in the Food Booth on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:30 P.M.**

Blanche Randolph and her family have graciously stepped forward to coordinate the operation of the Diorama Food Booth this year. **If you are able to help out by volunteering a few hours on one of those days, please either text Blanche or give her a call at 308-760-1966.** Leave her a message and she will get back with you to schedule a time that works for you.

## **News Hemingford Public School Superintendent, Charles Isom Proposed school expansion project**

There is never a good time

When I interviewed at Hemingford, some of the interview was focused on the need for more space at the school. This is not been an overnight surprise; this addition has been in the planning stages for years and the need for rooms is greater than ever.

There is nothing wrong with the facilities we have that we use for the PK-4 and 7-12 classes for the most part. The modulares were a temporary fix that have been very functional. The modular were never a final solution. The modulares as well as the Ag shop and gym create some safety concerns. The ability to confine kids in today's environment helps with many aspects of safety. Keeping kids in the building during inclement weather is another feature of getting all buildings joined.

The plans include an addition of eight rooms to the elementary building, which include rooms for the fifth and sixth grade along with a specialty room so that we can recapture space in the library. Also included in the plans are moving the kindergarten rooms to the new addition because they would be better designed for the curriculum needs. ADA is a huge aspect of education and allowing all students to learn in an environment that is accessible to all students is critical, so the addition will include an elevator along with stairs. There is an ongoing discussion happening of what this all will look like.

In the high school there are plans to add an additional four classrooms, a high school principal –secretary area along with a commons area. The idea is also out there for adding a Vocational Agriculture space and a gym/stage area. Currently with the space we have, our Spanish class takes place in the high school library, so we need to designate a classroom for that, as well as a larger art room since our Art program has opened up to the K-12 student population.

We have teamed with Lee Davies Architect, BD Construction-Construction Management and DA Davidson-Bond underwriter to help us with this process.

Please watch for community meetings that will be planned. We are in the process of getting the plans finalized. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Isom at the school.

Thank you so much for your consideration in helping out with this worthwhile cause to keep alive the tradition of this most treasured asset of Box Butte County. And please, make it a priority to stop and take a few minutes to drive through this beautiful display during the Christmas Holiday Season! Because Jesus truly is the reason for the season.



### **ALLY VENABLE**

There's something about Texas. Open up the history books and you'll find the Lone Star State at the eye of every rock 'n' roll storm. Pull up a stool in any bar-room and you'll still hear Southern gentlemen spin stories of ZZ Top, Johnny Winter and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Now tip a ten-gallon hat to the bandleader writing her own name onto the state's famed back pages, as Ally Venable releases breakout third album, - Texas Honey Debuted as #2 on the Billboard Blues Charts featuring Eric Gales and Mike Zito.

A Power house from the Lone Star State, the Ally Venable Band has ignited excitement in the modern blues scene. Lead guitarist and vocalist, Ally Venable, started singing at an early age in church and at 12, picking up a guitar and finding her passion, established herself as a Texas Blues Guitar Slinger. Guitar Player Magazine stated that "Venable pulls off a stunner of gritty and/or sultry blues rock tunes embellished with lots of tasty guitar solos."

She has received many awards including the East Texas Music Award in 2014 and 2015 for "Female Guitarist of the Year", three-time winner of the "Blues Band of the Year," "Album of the Year," and "Entertainer of the Year," in 2018

2nd Place - Dallas International Guitar Show 10 Under 20 Contest 2015

Ally's 2018 release 'Puppet Show' debuted at #7 on the Billboard Blues Charts, featuring Gary Hoey & Lance Lopez.



Each of Ally's band mates are versatile on multiple instruments. As bassist, Bobby Wallace is a master of his craft and years of experience enhance the band. Drummer, Elijah Owings brings a steady, but dynamic sound to the band. Keyboardist, Fernando De Los Santos from Seville, Spain, brings a classic and energetic style when performing with Ally. They are the backbone of the band's Rockin' Blues sound, and they continue to represent the future of the blue

Record Label: Ruf Records

Endorsements: Ernie Ball, Category 5 Amplification, Fishman Pickups, Knags Guitars, Galaxy Audio, Clothing from Everything That Blings

**2019 BOX BUTTE COUNTY FAIR  
AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. HEMINGFORD FAIRGROUNDS**

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

Open Horse Show Registration

**Monday, July 29, 2019**

4-H Trap Shoot - Alliance Shooting Range

**Thursday, August 1, 2019**

4-H Fashion Show  
4-H Public Style Review

**Saturday, August 3**

4-H Horse Show

**Sunday, August 4**

4-H Dog & Cat Show

**Monday, August 5**

Enter Open Classes C, D, E, G, & H

**Tuesday, August 6**

Kids Parade – Pool to Grandstands  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
Mid Nebraska Pedal Pullers  
Family Glow Run

**Wednesday, August 7**

Open Poultry Show  
Enter Open Class B, K, & F  
Hops & Berries Waterhole #9  
4-H Poultry Show  
**FAIR QUEEN CONTEST**

**Thursday, August 8**

4-H Swine Show  
All 4-H Exhibits Open  
Commercial Exhibits Open  
Waterhole #9 Open  
4-H Goat Show  
Midway opens featuring the RockIt  
4-H Rabbit Show  
4-H Small Animal Round Robin  
**RUBBER CHECK RACE**

Country Dance DJ: SC Party Production

**Friday, August 9**

Pen of 3 Cattle Show Enter  
4-H Dairy Cow & Dairy Goat Show  
4-H Beef Show  
4-H Exhibits  
Commercial Exhibits  
Old Timers Picnic – Multipurpose  
Waterhole #9 Open  
4-H Sheep Show  
Midway featuring the RockIt  
4-H Cookie Jar & Cooking  
4-H Large Animal Round Robin  
Heartland Pulling Street Stock & Tractor Pull  
Teen Dance – Multipurpose Hall

**Saturday, August 10**

5K Memorial Run/  
Working Dog Trials - arena  
65th Annual Parade  
All Exhibits Open  
Pie Eating Contest  
Livestock Buyers BBQ  
4-H & FFA Livestock Sale  
Waterhole #9 Open  
Midway featuring RockIt  
Livestock Judging Contest  
4-H Music Contest  
Goat Roping  
**CONCERT- CASEY DONAHEW**  
Crossbell Band - Beer Garden  
Open Dance – Multipurpose Hall

**Sunday, August 11**

“Fair Worship Service”  
Release All Exhibits  
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